

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3126 - HB 3245

February 9, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to provide planning models for relocating, hauling, composting, or other processing of yard and food waste in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Requires TDEC to provide planning models for preventing the disposal of food waste in landfills by diverting cooked food and meals from entities which distribute food. Requires TDEC to submit a report by December 11, 2011 to the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee and the Conservation and Environment Committee of the House of Representatives on the progress of implementing these models.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$11,500/One-time/General Fund

\$38,500/One-time/Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)

\$165,100/Recurring/General Fund

\$552,900/Recurring/EPF

Assumptions:

- TDEC does not currently capture the quantities of food and yard waste available for composting. TDEC does not have information on the generation of prepared food or information on agencies to which food could be diverted. TDEC does not maintain data relevant to the transport or hauling of such materials.
- TDEC estimates it will take two to three years to develop three separate models.
- TDEC will require 14 new positions to carry out the provisions of the bill. The recurring increase in state expenditures for salaries (\$535,800) and benefits (\$182,200) for these positions is estimated to be approximately \$718,000. One-time costs associated with the positions are estimated to be \$50,000.
- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, the base year ratio for the Division of Solid Waste Management is approximately 23 percent state appropriations and 77 percent Environmental Protection Fund (EPF).

- The estimated fiscal impact on state government is a recurring increase in state expenditures of approximately \$165,100 ($\$718,000 \times 23\%$) from the General Fund and \$552,900 ($\$718,000 \times 77\%$) from the EPF. One-time expenditures of \$11,500 ($\$50,000 \times 23\%$) from the General Fund and \$38,500 ($\$50,000 \times 77\%$) from the EPF.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more compact, stylized manner, followed by "W." and "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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